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MOBILE MAN INDICTED FOR COCAINE TRAFFICKING

MOBILE, AL-- Erskine Deramus Salter was indicted by the federal grand jury today in a two count indictment for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine and possession with the intent to distribute cocaine in violation of Title 21 USC §§ 846 and 841(a)(1), respectively.

The indictment charges Salter with distributing approximately 2 kilograms of cocaine which triggers a 5 year mandatory minimum prison sentence for Salter with a maximum prison term of 40 years confinement, pursuant to Title 21, USC § 841(b)(1)(B). Parole has been abolished in the federal judicial system.

The United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Deborah J. Rhodes, stated, "The distribution of cocaine has a devastating impact on the community. We will continue to work with our state and local partners to aggressively prosecute these cases throughout the Southern District of Alabama."

The case is being jointly investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Louisiana Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Police.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.

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